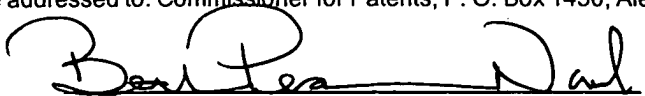


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IN RE APPLICATION OF:
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Transmission System and
Method"

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION, DATED APRIL 2, 2003

This is in response to the Office Action, dated April 2, 2003 for the above-identified patent application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the application. Claims 1-14 stand rejected by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully traverses. The Examiner's rejections are addressed below in substantially the same order as in the referenced office action.

35 USC § 103 REJECTIONS

Claims 1, 4, 7, 9, and 10-12 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Matthews (US 5,148, 408) in view of Lee (US 4,777,324) and Bowers (US 3, 259,675). Claims 1, 7 and 12 are independent claims. The Examiner asserts that these claims are obvious in view of the combination Matthews, Lee and Bowers. Applicant